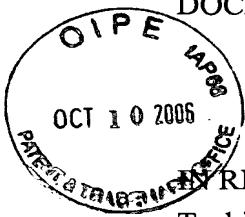


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FOR: BATTERY DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are an International Preliminary Report on Patentability and a Written Opinion for the Examiner's consideration. The reference(s) cited therein have been previously filed with the International Search Report in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 27, 2006.

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JSONY-645PCT

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/JP2004/019779

International filing date (day/month/year)
24 December 2004 (24.12.2004)

Applicant

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/019779	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 24 December 2004 (24.12.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 26 December 2003 (26.12.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant SONY CORPORATION			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/019779	International filing date (day/month/year) 24.12.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 26.12.2003
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1b(a)(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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 - a. type of material
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 - in written format
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 5, 6, 8-13	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 4, 7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the written application of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 052346/1988 (Laid-Open Utility Model No. 155654/1989), (Japan Victor Company), 25 October 1989
 Document 2: JP 07-335186 A (Sony Corp), 22 December 1995
 Document 3: JP 09-069360 A (Kenwood Corp), 11 March 1997

The inventions of claims 1, 3, 4, and 7 are described in document 1 cited in the ISR, and therefore do not appear to possess novelty or to involve an inventive step. Document 1 describes a battery pack wherein three engaging protrusions per side are provided on both sides of a bottom portion at set intervals.

The inventions of claims 2, 5, 6, and 8-13 do not appear to involve an inventive step over the descriptions in documents 1-3 cited in the ISR. In the invention described in document 1, a person skilled in the art could appropriately set the optimal arrangement or shape of engaging pieces for positioning the battery case. Further, since the stopper wall for preventing incorrect insertion of the battery device is a publicly known structure as described in document 2, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to employ the stopper wall in document 1. Moreover, an electronic device in which a batter device is attached by sliding is a commonly known structure, as described in documents 2 and 3, and therefore it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to employ the battery back attaching structure described in document 1 in the electronic device.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

It is unclear what "the rechargeable cell portion" described in claim 1 signifies.